Capstone Opportunities at the

Round Rock Public Library

For more information about any of these projects or other volunteer opportunities at the Round Rock Public Library, please contact:

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Genre: Archives
Project Title:
Oral History Digitization Project
The Round Rock Public Library has a set of oral histories collected in the early 1980s. These are recorded on audio cassettes; no duplicates exist. The library needs to make copies of the tapes for preservation purposes and would like to digitize the recordings for better access. Some interviews have been transcribed, and those transcriptions might be indexed against the digitized recordings using SMIL or similar techniques.
Preferred Qualifications: Interest in digitization and local history.

Genre: Archives
Project Title:
Creating and Encoding Local History Finding Aids
The Round Rock Public Library has a small collection (approx. 10 linear feet) of archival materials relating to the history of Round Rock. This collection has not been fully indexed or cataloged, and no finding aids exist for any of the materials. We would like to create item-level records of the collection with the ultimate goal of encoding these in EAD and making them available online.
Preferred Qualifications: Interest in archival description and local history.

Genre: Cataloging
Project Title:
Cataloging Local History Materials
The Round Rock Public Library has an extensive collection of Williamson County records on microfilm. We would like to have a student develop original cataloging for these as well as various books and records from our local history collection.
Preferred Qualifications: Interest in cataloging and local history.

Genre: Reference
Project Title:
Indexing Community Records
Several books have been devoted to Round Rock history, but, for the most part, these books are not indexed. We would like to have a student develop an index for local history materials. The project will include a report on the best ways of developing and maintaining such an index. Books to be indexed include *Round Rock, TX, USA!*, *Round Rock Recollections*, and *The Historic Round Rock Collection*.
Preferred Qualifications: Interest in cataloging and local history.

Genre: Training
Project Title:
Spanish for Librarians
Prepare and present a 13 session course on Spanish for Library staff using an established curriculum.
Preferred Qualifications: Bilingual; teaching skills

Genre: Usability Testing
Project Title:

Online catalog usability testing
Plan and conduct a usability evaluation for the redesigned library online catalog. Student will plan the test based on general standards and guidelines, recruit volunteer users to conduct the test, evaluate the results and make recommendations. The final product will be a written report on the tests and the recommendations and a short presentation to the library staff.
Preferred Qualifications: Web design experience, basic catalog and online reference courses

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Genre: Web Site
Project Title:

Design of Library Teen Website
Create an attractive, interactive web site specifically for teens. The student will study the teen interests, benchmark popular teen sites and/or library teen websites, draft the contents and design the graphics if possible. The majority of the work can be done at a distance. The end product would be used on the library's web site. The student will do a short demo for library staff.
Preferred Qualifications: Web design experience, familiarity with teen interests

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Genre: Web Site
Project Title:

Design of Library Kids' Website
Create an attractive, interactive web site specifically for kids. The student will study the children's interests, benchmark the popular children's sites and/or library kids websites, evaluate current library kids page and suggest what contents to be kept, draft the contents based on the study and design the graphics if possible. The majority of the work can be done at a distance. The end product would be used on the library's web site. The student will do a short demo for library staff.
Preferred Qualifications: Web design experience, familiarity with children's interests

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Genre: Web Site
Project Title:

Evaluating and Creating a Library Reference Website Directory
Create a subject guide or directory of the most useful websites for general library users. The student will benchmark commercial web directories and reference website directories on public libraries' websites and study how those directories can be used effectively. At the end student will draft a subject guide to the most useful websites for the general public. The end product would be used on the library's web site. The student will do a short demo for library staff.
Preferred Qualifications: Web design experience, knowledge of Internet searching